### **Company Commander:**

Friends and family of Crazy Horse Soldiers, the Soldiers from all 6 of our platoons (HQ PLT, Viper PLT, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT, 3<sup>rd</sup> PLT, Engineer PLT, and the Maintenance Section) continue to do great things and make the impossible - possible. The company has been busy the past month with multiple missions. Our primary mission is still the same, securing a major supply route that leads into Baghdad, and the Soldiers are doing a fantastic job. It is a tough mission, and it requires a lot of courage, patience, concentration, and endurance but things for the time being have seemed to quieten down a little. Our Soldiers also have the responsibility to work and train with the IHP (Iraqi Highway Patrol). This presents the Crazy Horse Soldiers with a unique set of challenges to conquer, and they have become proficient at adapting and overcoming. I can't express what a great job these Soldiers have done. I would also like to welcome a new officer to the Crazy Horse Team, 2LT Geoffrey Grant, from Florida. Soon, 2LT Grant will be taking over as the new 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Leader and 1LT David Ford will work as a staff officer for the Battalion. To the families and friends, thank you for your continued support. We could not continue without it. Please keep the mail coming.

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## Company First Sergeant:

Dear friends and family of Crazy Horse Soldiers, where does the time go!! We have been here three months already. Time flies by when you're having fun, some more than others. The Commander always does a great job at farewells above so I will cover the hails. Please welcome the two newest warriors to Crazyhorse, SPC Brown and PV2 Lee. SPC Brown has been in Bco. for sometime and PV2 Lee is a brand new Soldier to the Army. We are proud to have them both. They are both assigned to Viper.

Thank you to the FRG for the Valentine's Day packages, the Soldiers and myself love getting a little something from the house. We also appreciate all the individual packages you send. Believe it or not most candy and chocolate are very hard to get here, so that makes it even that much sweeter. Thank you to those across America that support us with your thoughts, prayers, and care packages. May God give you an extra measure of grace.

Mid-tour leave is underway and some of your Soldiers have already been and back, others are sure to follow. Enjoy each other. They will arrive there tired I promise, so please let them sleep the first day and then they are yours. To the married folks as they return, you married each other because you loved each other, remember that and try not to argue about why the dishwasher broke or why the living room is painted a different color. You have two weeks with each other. Spend all your time together and make the memories joyful ones to carry you through the remainder of the deployment.

Finally, taxes are due for most civilians but because your Soldier is deployed in the Army, they are exempt until they return. Contact the Tax Center on Ft. Hood for more info. Also, I hope your Soldier told you about the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act. It will save you lots of money on those credit cards and some debts. If you will write a letter to your debtors and enclose a copy of your Soldier's deployment orders the company can lower the interest rate to 6% on all unpaid balances. Not all will do this but you have nothing to lose by trying. AAFES has a similar plan as well for their STAR card.

In closing, I am amazed at how excellent the FRG and spouses have been at handling all the hiccups of life back home. I have not heard of any major issues that cause great heartache to everyone involved, for this I applaud you at taking care of one another.

#### **Headquarters Platoon:**

February has continued to keep the Headquarters platoon busy. Our main effort this month has been continued improvement of MSR Tampa, and it has been paying off. We have seen a considerable decrease of IEDs in our area. Even the Brigade Commander, COL Tully came out to view our efforts and commented on our hard work.

Furthermore, we congratulate Emery Manuel on his well-deserved promotion to Specialist. We welcome SGT Pablo Castro to his new home in the platoon, and eagerly await the return of SPC Irving and SPC Hawk, who are enjoying themselves at home.





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# **Viper Platoon:**

Over the past few months the Vipers have been moving non-stop! We have a constant 24 hour a day presence on our portion of the highway that we have been given the task of keeping safe. 1LT Slepian leads one section while SSG Nylander heads up the other. Every so often the two sections team up for platoon sized missions and we are a force to be reckoned with. Together, we are helping keep a major supply route for all of Iraq open. Furthermore, we are taking several insurgents off the streets and out of the picture. Combined with our tanker brothers in Crazy Horse, we have drastically reduced the amount of anti-coalition incidents from when we first arrived in the area of operations. Bottom line...the enemy is scared of a "Viper Bite" and just does not want to come out and play.

While the hours may be long and tiring, the men are more motivated than ever and are going strong. As a platoon we are really getting across to the people in our area, especially the children. To see soldiers interact with these kids like they were their own really hits home and reminds us all why we are really here.

We all appreciate the support from back home and miss you all. We can't thank you enough for all you do for us while we are deployed.

Congrats to all the Viper promotions for the month! Sergeants Fisher and Bunzel will be promoted to SSG while CPL Lopez will pin on his Sergeant stripes. PFC McKay has already pinned on Specialist. Also, welcome some new Vipers to the platoon. Specialist Brown has come over from Cobra Headquarters platoon and will fall under SGT Fisher, and we have a

brand new soldier to the company. PFC Lee is fresh from Ft. Benning and he is a welcomed addition to SSG Carden and his squad. Here are a few pictures of the Vipers doing their thing.





1LT Slepian Viper 1

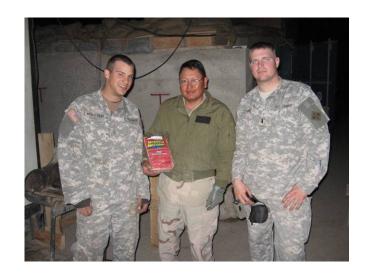
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon:

Wolfpack Family and Friends,

February has been a short month for the platoon. Too bad every month is not only 28 days long. Since January, we have had one transaction in the platoon. SGT Castro has moved on to the position of gunner for CPT Reed. We welcomed SGT Lowden to the platoon as my gunner. There have been several promotions that occurred on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. PFC Holland and PFC Ruiz have been promoted to the rank of SPC. These two fine soldiers have been working extremely hard since they have been here. Both promotions were well deserved. SPC Batson pinned on his E5. SGT Batson is one of our soldiers who was in Iraq two years ago with Crazy Company. His leadership is extremely important to the success of our platoon. The platoon as a whole has been doing wonderful things over here. Every member of Wolfpack would like to again extend their thanks to all of our wonderful family members and friends who have given us so much support during this deployment. We have received countless amounts of mail and packages. We would be unable to make it here without your generous support.

1LT Range White 1





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon: Dear family and friends,

As we move into the forth month of our deployment, 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon continues to set the standards across the battalion in all aspects of soldiering. We have been carrying out our mission to secure our surrounding area and make Iraq a safer and overall better country. We continue to develop a working relationship with the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police to help facilitate the hand over of a free Iraq. Our platoon has recently sent soldiers to the NCO board to include SPC Salut and SPC Casoria. Both were successful in passing the board and are awaiting promotion to SGT. Also, good luck to SGT Mackie who will be attending the NCO board next month. As most of you know the mid-tour leave cycle has begun and we are all looking forward to seeing our friends, family, and a little piece of home. I would also like to take this time to introduce myself. I am the new platoon leader for 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon and I look forward to following in 1LT Ford's footsteps. I will continue to maintain this platoon as the best in the battalion.

2LT Grant, Geoffrey Blue 1



#### **Engineer Platoon:**

This month has been another busy month for the route clearance team. We received two new vehicles. We were also a part of two large operations for the battalion and one major for 1-67 BN. We have sent one soldier to HUSKY new equipment training, SPC Malone, and three soldiers to Mine Detector training, PFC Ballard, SPC Crawford and, SPC Malone. PFC Ballard was promoted to SPC. Every one appreciates the cards, letters and packages. It is real nice to hear from people back home.



1LT Hibbets Green 1